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The Nicaragua Canal bill passed the House almost unanimously, indicating that everyone is in favor of the project.

The Sultan of Turkey probably thinks he is too far away for the U. S. to tackle him. He no doubt relies on the protection of the Powers.

E. J. Westgate is a candidate for State Auditor on the fusion ticket. Mr. Westgate is editor of the Garden City Sentinel and also clerk of the Court of appeals in this department.

The Supreme court of the state of Kansas decided the Court of Visitation unconstitutional. Chief Justice Doster wrote a dissenting opinion. This leaves no board or court by which the railroads can in any manner be compelled to respect the rights of shippers.

It is not probable that the Boer Peace Commissioners will receive that encouragement from the McKinley administration which will warrant them in hoping for the success of the pathetic mission upon which they will visit this country.

These representatives of two little Republics struggling for life and liberty will come to the United States at an unfortunate moment. Just at this time we are not in a position to protest against that greed of Empire which is threatening the national existence of the free peoples of the Transvaal and Orange Free State. We are engaged in the Empire business ourselves. We have surrendered the faith which would justify us in forbidding the crushing of the Boers.

It will be awkward and embarrassing for us that this brave race has made a definite personal appeal for our help in such a crisis. Our refusal to help them is a logical necessity of the situation created by our own acts. If we attempt to rebuke England, and to withhold her hand from the crime against freedom in the commission of which she is now exerting her imperial strength, she may well point to our own sins, and bid us adjure them before preaching justice and righteousness to others. It will be a good argument.

And for this reason we will have to stand aside while the two little Republics in South Africa are put to death. They are fighting the same fight waged by our forefathers in 1776. Their cause is the same holy cause for which the embattled farmers stood at Lexington and Concord. But we have no warrant now for championing that cause. We have enlisted on the side of Empire. The material glory and power of the United States may be increased thereby, but in so far as our original mission for the world's enfranchisement and enlightenment is concerned the blood of our own Revolutionary Patriots was shed in vain.—St. Louis Republic.

Among Our Exchanges.

W. L. Lyons and family took their departure yesterday for Ft. Worth where they will make their future home. Mr. Lyons has been the resident inspector for the Texas cattle Raisers Association at this point, and was one of their most competent men. He is a good citizen in any community, honest and upright and we regret to lose Mr. Lyons and his family from our midst. Mr. Lyons will engage in the cattle business on his own account, and has severed his connection with the Association.—Ashland Clipper.

The school closed last week, and the teachers bade us adieu. Miss Nettie Steele, the accomplished principal, returned to her eastern home accompanied by her mother. Mrs. Bodie-McCrellis, the popular primary teacher, goes to Meade to make an extended visit with her father. Many regrets go with them. It is said Miss Steele will embark in a more important enterprise than teaching the young Kansas idea to shoot. This scribe and all the rest will offer congratulations.

It is to be hoped that Mrs. McCrellis will return in the fall and resume her teaching. She has given universal satisfaction.—Englewood Item in Ashland Clipper.

Our Correspondents.

ODEE ITEMS.

The Odee farmers are done planting corn and are now putting in cane and kafir corn. The corn is all up in fine shape.

Nearly everyone in Odee were up in Meade last week on account of court.

Mr. Brinkman was up at Meade a couple of days last week to look at Mr. Fick's farm. The latest news was that he had bought it for Mr. Kobs, of Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. Eschbach returned last week from Dodge, where the Rev. had been preaching and visiting friends for a few days.

Mr. Brinkman is having quite a time keeping dogs. Somebody has been laying out poison, and lately Mr. Brinkman lost his big hound on account of poison.

Henry Wuerdeman and H. Eckhoff were visiting at Berger's last Sunday.

The Lutherans of Odee are talking about building a new church. We hope they will succeed as is needed pretty bad. It will be built close to the preacher's house south of Crooked creek.

A few of the young folks visited a Eckhoff's Sunday.

Henry Koster is back in Meade county, after being gone about six years. Mr. Koster has been in Colorado working on the railroad. He was section foreman part of the time and has made quite a little stake at it and has come back to Meade county to fix up his farm west of Mr. Senger and remain here in the future.

A couple of peddlers passed through Odee last week peddling dry goods. Seems like they ought to pay licence or get out of the country, as they will surely hurt the home trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Eschbach spent Sunday at Mr. Gruemken's.

Jake Meyers has been going around on one leg lately.

Herman Cordes has sold his yearling steers at \$21 a head.

News is scarce and time is not plentiful, so we will retire.

DUTH.

FOWLER NEWS.

The garden sass that was not killed by the frost is looking up magnificently. Already green things are on the market (we mean onions, radishes etc.) and one man says he has potatoes in bloom.

The fine, warm weather Sunday hatched out a large amount of insects, which could be seen flying around in the air. Wonder if we won't be eaten up by vermin this winter.

A surprise party Monday evening at Wm. Kral's was largely attended by our young folks, who report a splendid time.

Chas. Elrod and wife were in the city last week.

It seems that 2f—rightly named because no one else would be so small—is a little edged because we, in reporting the news, made mention of his bro.'s little bicycle incident. We are sorry to see him so wrathful over something in which he is not concerned, and surprised that one so gifted with the pen, and of his mental calibre, should so completely give himself away in his hasty effort to champion another's cause, but will only suggest that it is probable that his head—like he said of our feet—is a little too large for his hat. Pass the gloves.

The Fowler band is not blowing these days. We presume the boys think that the wind is a whole sufficiency.

As we have the writer's cramp this time—cramped for money—our communication will necessarily have to be short.

Prof. McCormick came up Friday morning and spent the remainder of the week visiting with Mr. Walter.

Saturday night a few invited guests gathered at the residence of M. M. Frazier to greet Mr. McCormick, and spent the evening in social chat, music and games.

We were surprised that although Fowler young men are generally level-headed and not apt to go astray, one, probably through his intense love for a damsel, got lost a few nights ago and wandered around till daylight, finding himself about where he had started and his sweetheart nearly worn out, but still burning with that intense desire, such as only genuine affection can kindle, so much so that despite such accidents as related she sighs for more times when they can get lost on a warm dark night.

John Green and sister Gertie came in Sunday to attend church and S. S.

Mrs. Mac Beaty went to Meade Saturday. John Sims was in Meade last week attending court.

Wild flowers are appearing quite numerous on the prairies already and we predict that this year will be the most beautiful Decoration Day ever seen.

Mrs. A. Lapell was trading in the burg last Monday.

CRACKERJACK.

The following item from Fowler was handed us:

Frazier says he don't like for W. T. Miles to be killing skunks while the fur is not good. Billy, you had better see Hugh Trober and Chas. Hill if you can't tell a wolf den from a skunk den. Bill is all right when he goes to pull a cow out of a bog, he makes the boys "holler" "whoa! you have got my finger."

BELLE MEADE ITEMS.

Farmers are all busy planting. This is certainly an ideal spring for starting crops. Like that other great man, we are led to exclaim, "What shall the harvest be?"

There was a noticeable falling off in the number of young men attending Sunday school. Strange, how queer?

Mrs. W. H. Siebenthaler received the sad news Saturday morning of the death of her niece, Miss Edith Wisley, who lived at Marphylshoro, Illinois.

Mrs. S. A. Crane joined the excursion to Dighton last Thursday.

Alfred Erickson is home from the Strip visiting the folks.

Chas. Edwards still continues to take lessons in home-made blacksmithing. We predict that if he persists in practicing he will become very proficient. He can already burn coal, iron and fingers.

John Crane was seen taking a wagon load of corn home one day last week. He probably intends to weatherboard 'em up a little.

W. H. Siebenthaler is taking time and the weeds by the forelock by cultivating his sowed crop.

Orie Randolph is working for Com. Innis during court.

There are too many persons who get into the degrading habit of tale-bearing or carrying news between neighbors who are "on the outs." This is often done with the best intention on part of the bearer, but is largely responsible for the amount of strife that exists among neighbors.

Mr. Nett from near Fowler has rented the west half of the Henry place and will plant it to feed. It is thought he will have a demoralizing effect on grasshoppers and weeds.

We would have like know that we are by no means a vanquished foe and but for the sake of courtesy we would be with him to the end. He probably wants the whole battle ground that he may have room to kick himself. So be it.

TWO-P'R.

ARTESIAN ITEMS.

Court, courting, courted every body in it and some out again.

It's pretty tough to sit on the jury and write items at the same time, so don't expect too much gossip this week.

Judge Davis has business in Meade.

R. L. Sawyer was called to the city hall Tuesday on business.

B. F. Cox is renewing old acquaintances in Meade since Monday and may be found at the court house a good share of the time.

G. O. Vick is residing temporarily at the hub.

John Foster expects to return from the county seat in a short time.

Sol Zortman will soon resume his farm work which was laid by for a few days.

Will Sourbeer is away on a vacation.

John Conrad is attending a prolonged meeting of the county board.

Robert Small is sojourning in the county capital this week.

Rev. Robinson, of Dodge City, preached an interesting sermon Sunday on the eloquence of Christ.

Sunday school was not convened because of Supt. and assistants absence.

Howard Norman has sown 60 acres of land to alfalfa.

Grandma Neal is very low with bronchitis and not expected to recover.

We don't object to your size, Bro. Melon Cider and were only giving you a friendly cheer. The only complaint we have to offer is that you don't grow a capacious Dixie rind about yourself and roll over our way sometime near Decoration day.

If you don't hit us too hard with the "blue-pencil", Mr. Editor, and court adjourns soon you may hear from us again till then we are as ever

IKE.

Prepare for the Questions.

The census enumerators who will begin their labors on June 1, have twenty-six questions to ask at every house, or of all persons who have reached their majority. The questions for this census are not objectionable as were some of them in 1890. Following is a list of the questions to be answered:

1. Surname, christian name, initial.
2. Residence, street number of house.
3. Relationship of each member to the head of the family.
4. Color or race.
5. Sex.
6. Age at last birthday.
7. Day, month and year when born.
8. Are you single, married, widowed, widower or divorced?
9. Number of years married.
10. How many children?
11. Number of children living.
12. Sex of these children.
13. Where were you born? If in the United States, give state or territory; if of foreign birth, give only name of the country.
14. Where was your father born? Your mother? (Same condition as the foregoing).
15. If of foreign birth, when did you come to the United States?
16. How many years have you resided in the United States?
17. Have you been naturalized? How many years since you became a citizen?
18. What is your occupation or trade or profession? (This question applies to persons 10 years of age or over).
19. How many months during the year are you employed?
20. How many months have you attended school?
21. Can you read?
22. Can you write?
23. Give the main facts concerning your education.
24. Do you own the house in which you live?
25. Do you rent the house in which you live?
26. If you own the house is it free or mortgaged? (The same questions apply to farms).

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As we gave our correspondents notice a few weeks ago, in as courteous a manner as we could, we are now compelled to give them a "last warning" in regard to personal attacks upon each other through their respective items. Hereafter no personal mention of any correspondent will be printed by the News. We propose hereafter to leave out all personal mention. Settle your grievances some other way. We cannot permit the matter to go any further. This thing of each correspondent wanting to have the last word would continue forever, and we propose to have the last say ourselves. We appreciate these items from the different parts of the county. But there is a time when "forebearance ceases to be a virtue", and that time is now. Continue your respective items but you must expect us to "blue pencil" all items except those pertaining to the news of the locality.

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